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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Brian L. Anderson, Chicago, Illinois, DOB: 04/10/85, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Madison to unlawfully possessing a firearm and ammunition as a convicted felon.

On June 8, 2005, the Madison Police Department responded to a 911 call at an apartment located at 1148 Morraine View Drive. When police arrived at the apartment, they were told Brian Anderson had been in possession of a silver handgun and that one occupant of the apartment was able to get the firearm away from Anderson. That occupant showed the police where she had hidden the firearm, which was a loaded .380 caliber pistol. A subsequent search of Anderson's luggage also revealed one round of .380 caliber ammunition. In June 2004, Anderson was convicted of unlawfully possessing a firearm in Cook County, Illinois.

United States District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for November 16, 2005, at 1:15 p.m. Anderson faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison.

The charge against Anderson was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The charge was also the result of the ongoing Project Safe Neighborhoods

(PSN) initiative in the Madison area, which has resulted in 17 federal convictions for firearms offenses since January 2005. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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